

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 27-41 and 43-44 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 27-37 were withdrawn. Claim 38 is independent.

Claims 38, 39 and 44 were rejected as being anticipated by US 4848343 to Wallsten et al. Claim 40 was rejected as being obvious over Wallsten in view of US 6110198 to Fogarty et al. Claim 41 was rejected as being obvious over Wallsten in view of US 5772668 to Summers et al. Claim 43 was rejected as being obvious over Wallsten in view of US 5192297 to Hull et al.

Discussion

Amended independent claim 38, which has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 41, is allowable over Wallsten in view of Summers since neither Wallsten nor Summers discloses or suggests "an impermeable portion mounted to the frame which covers the neck of the aneurysm." Summers merely discloses coating a coiled stent with a biocompatible coating rather than mounting an impermeable portion to the frame to cover the neck of the aneurysm as claimed. Applicant submits that a biocompatible coating is not "mounted to the frame" nor would a coating cover the neck of the aneurysm since the coating would likely be too thin in application to cover the neck of an aneurysm as claimed.

Dependent claims 39-40 and 43-44 are allowable since they depend from allowable independent claim 38 and because they recite independently patentable features.



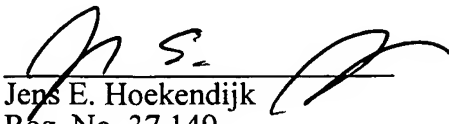
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-412-3322.

Respectfully submitted,

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